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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PEOS and DACs

FROM: SAF/AQX
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SUBJECT: Integrated Digital Environment (IDE)

Last July, the DEPSECDEF and the USD(A&T) tasked the Services to move forward to a filly digital environment in all acquisition program and support offices. On 30 Jan 98, SAF/AQ briefed Dr. Gansler, USD(A&T), on an AF IDE vision and committed to build an implementation plan based on our acquisition and logistic business processes. IDE is the use of integrated digital information to develop and support weapon systems across the entire life cycle within the Global Combat Support System (GCSS) strategy. Additionally, SAF/AQ is performing an analysis to integrate automated acquisition information tools at the headquarters level and examine approaches to more easily satisfy SPO external reporting requirements. This reporting requirements initiative results from a SAF/AQX business case on the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) reporting process.

We view these information technology initiatives as an opportunity to develop a strategy and infrastructure to help single managers do their jobs more efficiently. We also know that there has been tremendous progress in program offices in employing information technology to enhance their acquisition and logistics operations. We need your inputs to better understand what has been accomplished to date, identify the greatest opportunities for future integration investments, and assess the obstacles in our path to an IDE. Additionally, we need your inputs to better understand the full range of information demands and external reporting requirements to assist in developing more effective solutions. We have placed our information requests on an initial questionnaire and ask that each AF program office complete it for us.

The questionnaire is also available on the AQ home page at http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil. Please return the completed questionnaire via email by 5 June 1998 to Maj Dave Weisz, SAF/AQXA, e-mail: weiszd@af.pentagon.mil, DSN 425-7116. We will share our survey results with you and continually solicit your inputs as we develop strategies and build implementation plans for these two important topics.

2 Attachments
1. IDE and Acquisition Reporting Survey
2. SAF/AQ IDE Briefing to USD(A&T), 30 Jan 98

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